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Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund to Provide Local Grants for Critical Services and Support

April 24, 2020 (Wellesley, MA) - The Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest and a tax exempt 501(c)(3), has partnered with the Wellesley Board of Selectmen in creating the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund. This new fund will support the urgent and evolving needs in the Wellesley community resulting from the Coronavirus crisis. Funds raised will be granted on a rolling and rapid basis to nonprofit organizations and Town departments to assist in providing critical services and support amid the ongoing pandemic.

"We are honored to join with the Board of Selectmen to help identify and alleviate the emerging needs in our community as a result of COVID-19. The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund will provide critical services to support those hardest hit in our local community and help them safely make it through this difficult period," said Jamie Ebersole, Community Board Chair of the Community Fund for Wellesley.

The Community Fund for Wellesley has committed \$10,000 in seed funding to ensure an immediate source of grant support. Wellesley residents and the business community are urged to join together in this effort.

"Wellesley's greatest resource is its residents. Together with the Community Fund for Wellesley, the Selectmen hope to address otherwise unmet needs in our community during this unprecedented crisis," said Marjorie Freiman, Board of Selectmen Chair.

To make a donation or learn more, please visit: https://foundationmw.org/give/town-funds/community-fund-for-wellesley/cffw-covid/.

Donation checks may be made to Foundation for MetroWest, please indicate in the memo line 'Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund' and mail to:

Community Fund for Wellesley c/o Foundation for MetroWest 3 Eliot Street Natick, MA 01760

About the Community Fund for Wellesley

The mission of the Community Fund for Wellesley is to promote the common good and to benefit all residents of our town. The Fund serves as a permanent source of funding to foster

innovation and collaboration in support of community needs and opportunities. The Community Fund for Wellesley was established in 2008 in celebration of Wellesley's 125th birthday. A dedicated group of town residents had a vision to create a fund that would exist to benefit members of the Wellesley community for generations to come. Over the past 11 years, the Fund has made grants of over \$400,000 to more than 30 local non-profits and Wellesley town departments.